

HSCD CONTROL # 6051 DUE DATE: 7
ASSIGNED TO: Mitch Cron DATE REC'D BY HSCD: 7/23/07
SUBJECT: RED - Bally Groundwater Site

☒ Review and Take Appropriate Action

☐ For Your Information

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Re: Record of Decision (ROD)
Bally Groundwater Site
Bally Borough, Berks, County

Dear Mr. Burke:

The Record of Decision (ROD) for the Bally Groundwater Superfund Site, Bally Borough, Berks County, was received June 25, 2007. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has reviewed it.

The selected remedy for the Bally public water system, Operable Unit 2 of this site, consists of the following major components:

- Install a new municipal supply well and a pipeline to transport water from the new municipal supply well to the Bally public water system.
- Update the groundwater monitoring program to include monitoring the extent of the groundwater contamination plume.
- Prepare a Contingency Plan for the site to establish what corrective actions will be implemented if operation of the new municipal supply well causes the site groundwater contamination plume to migrate toward the new well, or operation of the new municipal supply well adversely impacts nearby private wells.

A new municipal supply well will be constructed in an uncontaminated area according to accepted industry standards and will provide an adequate quantity of water to the Borough of Bally. Water from the new well shall meet applicable Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. The new well will be tested for contamination according to a sampling plan/schedule established by the EPA and DEP. A pipeline will be constructed to transport water from the new well to the Bally public water system. When the new municipal supply well and water pipeline are complete, MW#3 will be disconnected from the Bally public water system.



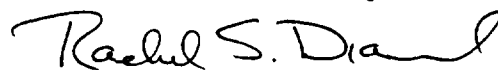
MW#3 will continue to be pumped to maintain hydraulic control of the groundwater contamination plume but will be disconnected from the Bally public water system. Water from MW#3 will be discharged to surface water and will be required to meet National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements.

DEP hereby concurs with the EPA's proposed remedy with the following conditions:

- DEP's posture is that its design standards are ARARs pursuant to CERCLA Section 121, and we will reserve our right to enforce those design standards.
- DEP reserves its right and responsibility to take independent enforcement actions pursuant to state law.
- This concurrence with the selected remedial action is not intended to provide any assurances pursuant to CERCLA Section 104(c)(3). Therefore, the Department will not provide the ten percent state matching funds or operation and maintenance of the system.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this EPA Record of Decision. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Asuquo Effiong at 717-705-4853.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel S. Diamond". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rachel" being the most prominent part.

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